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SUBJECT: MBFR: USE OF DATA

REF: USNATO 4411

1. FRG REP (RANTZAU), DURING AUGUST 19 SPC DISCUSSION OF RELEASE OF AIR MANPOWER DATA TO AHG (SEPTTEL) MADE INSTRUCTED COMMENTS ON UK PAPER ON USE OF DATA, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED AT AUGUST 12 SPC (REFTEL).

2. RANTZAU SAID FRG HAD NOTHING TO ADD OR CHANGE IN UK PARAS 1 AND 2. REGARDING PARAS 3 AND 8, FRG SAW A CONSENSUS IN THE ALLIANCE TO MAKE WARSAW PACT DISCUSS DATA WITH US. FRG BELIEVES NEW DATA SHOULD BE GIVEN WARSAW PACT ONLY IF WP EXPRESSES CONCRETE INTEREST, E.G. AND INTEREST IN ELIMINATING ANOMALIES BY REDFINITION OF GROUND FORCES. ALLIES FIRST HAVE TO BE CLEAR ON REDEFINITION

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OF GROUND FORCES, AND THEN DRAW THE OTHER SIDE INTO A DISCUSSION OF ANOMALIES AND DATA.

3. REGARDING PARA 4 OF UK PAPER, RANTZAU SAID FRG CONSIDERS

700,000 FIGURE FOR COMMON CEILING AS ILLUSTRATIVE, AND SEES NO NEED TO CHANGE IT. FRG CAN GO ALONG WITH UK PARA 5 ON HANDLING OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER FIGURES. FRG CAN ALSO AGREE UK PARA 6 AND 7 ON GIVING COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAKDOWN OF GROUND FORCES TO THE OTHER SIDE, BUT THINKS THERE ARE MORE POTENTIAL POLITICAL DISADVANTAGES THAN ARE CITED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS. IN PARTICULAR, IF THE WEST PRESENTS NATIONAL FIGURES, THE WARSAW PACT COULD CONSIDER THIS A DEVIATION FROM THE IDEA OF NO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. FRG THOUGHT THE ALLIES NEEDED A WARSAW PACT REACTION TO ALLIED SUGGESTION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENTS. FRG AGREED WITH UK PARA 9 ON MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF DATA.

4. ITALIAN REP (SPINELLI) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD REACTED IN MUCH THE SAME WAY TO THE UK PAPER. UK REP (BAILES) SAID THE UK PAPER DID NOT IMPLY ALLIES SHOULD GIVE THE EAST THE NEW TOTALS BEFORE DISCUSSING THE ANOMALIES QUESTION, ALTHOUGH THE UK DID NOT RULE OUT THIS COURSE.

5. SPC MEETING OF AUGUST 22 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SPC WILL THEREFORE HOLD ITS INITIAL DISCUSSION ON DIFINITION OF GROUND FORCES ON AUGUST 26. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. MCAULIFFE

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